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SUBJ: PRESIDENT GISCARD'S PROPOSED NEW AID FUND FOR
AFRICA

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1. EMBASSY'S FIRST REACTION TO GOF AIDE-MEMOIRE IS
THAT GOF THINKING HAS PROGRESSED LITTLE BEYOND THE
ORIGINAL GISCARD PROPOSAL AT VERSAILLES. WE ARE
ENCOURAGED BY THE STATEMENT THAT SOME ATTENTION SHOULD
BE GIVEN TO THE ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF ACTIONS UNDER-
TAKEN BY THE NEW FUND. IT IS ALSO INTERESTING THAT
THE GOF CONSIDERS AN EVENTUAL ENLARGEMENT OF THE
DONOR GROUP TO INCLUDE CANADA AND JAPAN. THE PROPOSED
FORMULA FOR WORKING WITH AFRICAN RECIPIENTS WOULD BE
DIFFICULT IN OUR VIEW FOR THE AFRICAN STATES TO ACCEPT.
THE GOF HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE NEW FUND WOULD
APPLY ONLY TO AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA, NOT TO THE
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AFRICAN CONTINENT.

2. ACCORDING TO FIRST REPORTS, THE RESTRICTED
CABINET MEETING PRESIDED OVER BY PRESIDENT GISCARD
ON JULY 27 DID NOT RELATE DIRECTLY TO THIS PROJECT,
BUT RATHER WAS INTENDED TO REASSURE AFRICAN STATES
THAT DESPITE CURRENT ECONOMIC RESTRAINTS FRANCE
INTENDS TO SUSTAIN AND EVEN INCREASE ITS DEVELOPMENT
AID EFFORT OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS. THE PLANNED
LEVEL OF GOF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IS TO REACH .70
PERCENT OF GNP BY 1980 AS REPORTED BY LE MONDE
JULY 29 AND CONFIRMED IN CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN
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